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**SEVEN INDIVIDUALS SENTENCED FOR COCAINE DRUG SMUGGLING**

Tampa, FL - U.S. District Court Judge James S. Moody Jr., today sentenced seven individuals who were charged in connection with a "go fast" boat that was intercepted by the U.S. Coast Guard in the eastern Pacific Ocean on December 18, 2000. The crew began to throw bales of cocaine into the ocean as they were pursued. More than 700 kilograms of cocaine was recovered and the crew was taken into custody. On June 18, 2001, four crew members pled guilty to possession with intent to distribute five or more kilos of cocaine and two crew members pled guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute five or more kilos of cocaine. One individual pled guilty to both counts.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Charge</b>	<b>Sentence</b>
Nargel Paredes	conspiracy	11 years 3 months
Manuel Antes Garces	conspiracy	9 years
Luis Eduardo Martinez Renteria	conspiracy	11 years 3 months
Luis Miguel Porto-Carredo Estupinan	conspiracy	11 years 3 months
Silvio Orejuela Ceron	possession	5 years 10 months
Jesus Alberto Barrasa Mesa	possession	10 years 1 month
Livio Rengifo Revelo	conspiracy & possession	13 years 3months

This case was investigated with the assistance of the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, DEA, U.S. Customs and the U.S. Marshals Service. It was prosecuted by Assitant United States Attorney James Preston of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDEFT) in the Middle District of Florida.